

## **I Am Your Coach**

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### **Abstract**

This poem explores the multifaceted role of a coach. It emphasizes the coach's many simultaneous functions that range from dream promotion and career exploration to accountability and mentorship. This poem highlights the coach's commitment to supporting students in developing their professional identities along their journeys to becoming, providing encouragement, challenging them to excel, and offering unwavering support through various modes of communication. The poem concludes by asserting the coach's role is a catalyst for greatness, inspiring students to reach their full potential.

### **Keywords**

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## **I Am Your Coach**

I am a dream promoter.

I am a career explorer.

I am a plan co-creator.

I am an accountability partner.

I am a standard setter.

I am a role modeler.

I am an encourager.

I am a listener.

I am a question-asker.

I am a treasurer seeker.

I am a mirror holder.

I am a mentor.

I am an advisor.

I am a cheerleader.

I help you dig deeper.

I help you aim higher.

I help you see more clearly.

I help you reflect and grow and become.

I challenge you to be your best.

I support you along your journey.

I care out loud and loudly...through hellos in the hallways, check-ins,  
mandatory and whenever you need to meet meetings,

Emails, Teams messages, Zoom calls, phone calls, and texts.

Through words spoken over you and into you.

I give high-fives and tough love.

I am your coach, and I call you to greatness.